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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The attached letter, dated 19 January 1991, was addressed to the President of the Security Council by the Permanent Observer of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations. In accordance with the request contained in the letter, the text is being circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Letter dated 19 January 1991 from the Permanent Observer of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to clarify the position of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with reference to the remarks made on 16 January 1991 by the Spokesman of the United States Department of Defense, which said the Democratic People's Republic of Korea had provided Iraq with some commodities.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has been opposed to the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq from the beginning of the Gulf crisis and wished for its peaceful settlement not by means of war.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, out of such a consistent position, has provided nothing to Iraq.

This position was clearly indicated in the telegram (S/21704, annex) sent on 1 September 1990 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Notwithstanding the truth, the United States invented a false report in a bid to disgrace the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Such an attempt is construed as none other than an ill-purposed act to defame the continued peace-loving positions and efforts of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It is urged that the United States give up such an awkward attempt to disgrace blindly the other for its own political aim.

I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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